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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the third paragraph on page 5 as follows:

The A/D converter 104 ~~[[33]]~~ converts the R, G, B signals sequentially applied by the analog signal processor 103 ~~[[32]]~~ to digital R, G, B signals and outputs the same signals.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 as follows:

The compressor/expander 109 compresses the image data stored into the memory 108 by using a predetermined compression system such as the JPEG system and records the resulting data onto a recording medium mounted in the recording section 111. The compressor/expander 109 also expands the image data read from the recording medium. The image data to be compressed by the compressor/expander 109 has been converted to luminance data and color-difference data Cr, Cb (YC separation) and is stored in the memory 108 ~~[[37]]~~. To regenerate and display the image data stored on the recording medium, the luminance signal and the color-difference signal generated by YC separation are converted to RGB signals.

Please amend the fourth paragraph on page 9 as follows:

With the noise ~~noise~~ reduction process, the acquired image data is recorded in a favorable image corrected to represent a smooth texture having minimized roughness of the face while retaining a crisp presentation as a whole. That is, even in the high-speed photography mode where a noise occurs more frequently than in the low-speed photography mode, automatic correction is made to provide a good texture of the face of a subject.

Please insert the following paragraph after the third paragraph on page 10:

Thus, the present invention includes an image processing program for performing image processing on image data, the program causing a computer to serve as means for generating face

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region information to identify the face region from the image data and means for performing noise reduction on the face region of the image data.